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SUBJECT: CEP: TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR FOR THE BOCCA)

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1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DECISION NOTED IN PARA 7 OF
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VISION OF THE TOR FOR THE BOCCA. YOU SHOULD TABLE THIS

DRAFT AT THE AD HOC GROUP MEETING OF THE CAPC ON FEB 20-21 FOR CONSIDERATION BY THAT GROUP AND INCLUSION IN ITS REPORT TO THE CAPC. THESE TERMS OF REFERENCE SHOULD BE PRESENTED TO THE AD HOC GROUP WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THEY FORM A BASIS FOR DISCUSSION, AND THAT ANY FINAL REVISION OF THE BOCCA TERMS OF REFERENCE, ALONG WITH THE ENTIRE AD HOC GROUP REPORT, WILL BE SUBJECT TO US APPROVAL.

2. TERMS OF REFERENCE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. AN ORGANIZATION FOR THE COORDINATION OF INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AIR TRANSPORT UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE NATO COUNCIL WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THE ALLIANCE IN CRISIS AND WAR, AND WILL BE ACTIVATED BY THE COUNCIL WITHIN THE GENERAL FRAMEWORK OF THE NATO ALERT SYSTEM OR UPON CALL OF THE COUNCIL.

B. THIS AGENCY, WHICH WILL BE CALLED BOCCA (BOARD FOR COORDINATION OF CIVIL AVIATION), WILL ACT AS (1) AN INFORMATION GATHERING BODY CAPABLE OF PROVIDING CIVIL AVIATION DATA THAT MAY BE OF IMPORTANCE TO HIGHER AUTHORITY, (2) AS A BODY FOR COORDINATING CIVIL AIRCRAFT AVAILABILITIES, AND (3) AS A FORUM FOR THE NATO NATIONS TO ASCERTAIN THEIR VIEWS AND FOR CONCERTING, AS APPROPRIATE, THE CIVIL AVIATION POLICIES OF ALL MEMBER STATES IN THE INTEREST OF THE NATO EFFORT.

C. AT SUCH TIME AS BOCCA SHALL BECOME OPERATIONAL, THE DUTIES OF THE CIVIL AVIATION PLANNING COMMITTEE SHALL TERMINATE.

D. BOCCA SHALL BE GUIDED BY THE TERMS OF REFERENCE AS APPROVED BY THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL RESOLUTION OF (TO BE FILLED IN LATER), SUBJECT TO MODIFICATIONS GENERALLY AGREED UPON PRIOR TO THE ACTIVATION OF BOCCA, OR AGREED UPON AS BEING REQUIRED BY EXISTING CONDITIONS.

E. BOCCA'S RESPONSIBILITIES (OTHER THAN FOR PURELY INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES) AFFECT ONLY SUCH INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AIR TRANSPORT ACTIVITIES AS REMAIN UNDER CONTROL AND, THEREFORE, EXCLUDE AIRCRAFT AND FACILITIES WHICH ARE CONFIDENTIAL

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ORGANIC OR ALLOCATED TO THE NATIONAL MILITARY AUTHORITIES, EXCEPT AS THEY SHALL PERMIT.

F. BOCCA SHALL ASSEMBLE AND DISSEMINATE TO NATO MEMBER STATES ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION REGARDING CIVIL AVIATION THAT MAY BE OF IMPORTANCE TO NATO MEMBER STATES AND THAT MAY BE REQUIRED TO FACILITATE COOPERATION AND COORDINATION BETWEEN THE STATES.

G. AS NECESSARY, BOCCA SHALL REPORT AND SUBMIT CIVIL AVIATION PROPOSALS TO THE HIGHEST NATO AUTHORITY AND SHALL ALSO SEEK ITS DECISION OR GUIDANCE IN THE EVENT OF DIS-AGREEMENTS.

H. ON THE BOARD OF BOCCA, EVERY NATO MEMBER STATE SHALL BE REPRESENTED BY ONE NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE, WHICH REPRESENTATIVE MAY BE ADVISED BY ONE OR MORE EXPERTS AS THE CASE UNDER CONSIDERATION MAY DEMAND. THE BOARD MAY HAVE AT ITS DISPOSAL, UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF ITS CHAIRMAN, A PLANNING AND LOGISTICS GROUP, A CURRENT INFORMATION GROUP AND A SECRETARIAT, AND ANY OTHER GROUP THE BOARD MAY DEEM NECESSARY.

I. THE LOCATION OF THE BOARD'S HEADQUARTERS SHALL BE CHOSEN IN THE LIGHT OF THE CRITERIA DETERMINING THE SITES OF OTHER WARTIME AGENCIES, AS APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SENIOR COMMITTEE.

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